

in the **Federal Register**, DOE will issue its Record of Decision and publish it in the **Federal Register**. The Record of Decision is expected to be issued in December 1998.

Signed in Washington, D.C., this 19th day of November, 1997.

Peter N. Brush,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Intent To Solicit Applications for Financial Assistance Grants

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent to solicit applications for financial assistance grants.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy is announcing its intent to solicit applications for awards of financial assistance (i.e., grants) for state-of-the-art research that contributes to any of the following eight areas: reactor physics, reactor engineering, nuclear materials, radiological engineering, radioactive waste management, applied radiation science, nuclear safety and risk analysis, and innovative technologies for next generation reactors, space power and propulsion, or radiation sources.

DATES: The anticipated issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-98ID13604 is December 1, 1997. A copy of the solicitation in its full text may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.inel.gov/doeid/proc-div.html> under Current Solicitations. The deadline for receipt of applications will be approximately 52 days after issuance of the solicitation.

ADDRESSES: Applications will be submitted to: Dallas L. Hoffer, Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dallas Hoffer, Contract Specialist at (208) 526-0014 or Brad Bauer, Contracting Officer at (208) 526-0090; U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The solicitation will be issued pursuant to 10 CFR 600.6(b) Eligibility for awards under this Nuclear Engineering Education Research (NEER) Program

will be restricted to colleges and universities with nuclear engineering degree programs. The purpose of the NEER Program is to (1) support basic research in nuclear engineering; (2) assist in developing nuclear engineering students; and (3) contribute to strengthening the academic community's nuclear engineering infrastructure.

The statutory authority for the program is Pub. L. 95-91.

Issued in Idaho Falls November 17, 1997.

Michael L. Adams,

Acting Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Commercialization Assistance for Awardees in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program, Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-FC02-98ER12217

AGENCY: DOE, Chicago Operations Office.

ACTION: Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Research (OER) announces its interest in receiving applications to enhance the commercialization of SBIR recipients' technology. The Department may select more than one offeror for award under this solicitation. The selected offeror(s) may provide SBIR Awardees with individualized assistance in preparing business plans and developing presentation materials for raising capital or finding strategic partners to support the commercialization of their SBIR technology.

The Solicitation is available on the DOE Chicago Internet Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> with proposals due December 15, 1997. Any modifications to the solicitation will continue to be posted on the Internet. Please note that users are not alerted when the solicitation is issued or when modifications are posted. Prospective offeror(s) are therefore advised to check the above Internet address on a daily basis. The Solicitation is available on the CH Acquisition Page (see address below).

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The complete solicitation document is available on the Internet by accessing the DOE Chicago Internet Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> under the heading "Current Acquisition Activities" Solicitation No.

DE-FC02-98ER12217. Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. local time, on December 15, 1997. Awards are anticipated by January, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Completed applications referencing Solicitation No. DE-FC02-98ER12217 must be submitted to the U. S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Attn: Peter R. Waldman, Bldg. 201, Rm. 3F-11, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899. As a result of this solicitation, DOE may award two(2) cooperative agreements. Available funding, irrespective of the number of offerors selected, is \$250,000.00 in FY 1998, and follow-on funding of approximately \$250,000.00 for FY99 and FY2000.

The solicitation invites applications which are limited to small business organizations. Eligibility to submit a proposal is restricted to small businesses. The SBIR program is a small business set-aside program. A small business award recipient will provide more credibility to SBIR participants. Past experience with previous commercialization assistance projects confirms that small businesses develop stronger and more productive business relationships with another company that has dealt with business problems similar to their own.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter R. Waldman, Acquisition and Assistance Group, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439; Telephone No. (630) 252-2189, Fax No. (630) 252-5045, or by e-mail at peter.waldman@ch.doe.gov.

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James R. Bieschke,

Director, Operations Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-171-011]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice Of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff

November 18, 1997.

Take notice that on November 13, 1997, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, tariff sheets to be effective November 1, 1997.

ANR states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the